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Docket No. 4712-117.1 US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of LIN et al.	:	Customer No. 26817
Serial No. 10/601,497	:	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: June 23, 2003	:	Examiner: Jennifer SHIN SHIN WONG
Title: METHOD AND DETECTOR FOR IDENTIFYING SUBTYPES OF HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUSES	:	Confirmation No. 4733
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Commissioner for Patents
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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

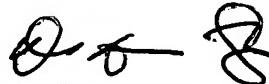
In a March 31, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the reply filed on February 21, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): an election of a HPV subtype, or combination thereof, and their corresponding sequences as indicated on page 3 of the restriction

requirement mailed January 31, 2006. Applicants hereby elect the combination of all recited subtypes of claim 1.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 7, 2006



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